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The President's Communications Policy Board, created by Executive Order #10110 of February 17, 1950, has evolved the following exposition of telecommunications problems which confront the United States. The relative importance of the problems outlined in this exposition is not necessarily expressed by the numerical sequence of their listing. In this connection, it should be noted that the consideration of Problem No. 5, which is the most important and far-reaching of all of the Problems stated, will, by its very neture, be affected by the research and findings in connection with all of the other items contained in the exposition.

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The exposition has been compiled upon a basis of reports, legislation, treaties, •pinions, U. S. telecommunications agency expressions, and the language of the Executive Order #10110, which created this Board. For the purposes of ready reference, pertinent excerpts of that Order are quoted.

# President's Statement of the Importance of Communications

"Communications services represent a vital resource in our modern society. They make possible the smooth functioning of our complex economy; they can assist in promoting international understanding and good will; they constitute an important requirement for our national security. There is, accordingly, a major public interest in assuring the adequacy and efficiency of these services." \* \* \* \* (Quoted from the President's letter to the Chairman of the Board.)

#### Terms of Reference

\* \* \* \* "It shall be the function of the Board to study the present and potential use of radio and wire communications facilities by governmental and non-governmental agencies and to make and present to the President evaluations and recommendations in the national interest concerning (a) policies for the most effective use of radio frequencies by governmental and non-governmental users and alternative administrative arrangements in the Federal Government for the sound effectuation of such policies, (b) policies with respect to the international radio and wire communications, (c) the relationship of Government communications to non-government communications, and (d) such related policy matters as the Board may determine. \* \* \* \* (Quoted from the Executive Order \*10110 of February 17, 1950, creating the Board.)

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#### OF WORDS AND PHRASES APPEARING HEREIN

- 1. <u>Harmful Interference</u> as used herein, means that reception of a radio transmission is curtailed by interference, to a degree that reduces efficiency of service.
- 2. Frequency (or Channel) as used herein, refers to a relatively small, but specific, part of the radio spectrum. A frequency normally is identified by the actual center point (in kilocycles) in the total width embraced by the transmission of energy.
- 3. <u>Frequency Assignment</u> as used herein, means the designation of a discrete frequency for transmission purposes by a specific radio station or circuit.
- 4. Frequency Allocation as used herein, means the apportionment of an appreciable part of the spectrum to a particular Service, usually upon an exclusive basis.
- 5. <u>Band (or Frequency Band)</u> as used herein, refers to a relatively large part of the radio spectrum. The term is used to indicate the particular part of the spectrum under consideration, such as, "The high-frequency bands," "the 7 Mc band," etc.
- 6. <u>Bandwidth (or Channel Width)</u> as used herein, is the number of kilocycles, (or cycles), stated, when it is desired to express the amount of spectrum encompassed by a transmission of energy.
  - Note: The terms "Band" and "Bandwidth" are often loosely employed, with confusing results.
- 7. National Interest when used alone herein, is considered to include National Security and Economy.
- 8. Policy is not used herein in its lesser applications. It refers throughout to a line of governing action.
- 9. Formalized Radio Services as used herein, refers to those Services which have been dignified with exclusive rights in the radio spectrum, by the Atlantic City Table of Allocations. These Services are: Fixed, Maritime, Aeronautical, Amateur, Broadcasting, and Land Mobile.
- 10. Functionalized Radio Facilities or Services as used herein, refers to a service or facility within a Service which performs a specific function, such as Safety, Navigational, Public Correspondence, etc.

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- 2. Effectiveness of Administration of the Radio Spectrum by the United States.
- 3. Unsound Conditions in the Domestic Commercial Telegraph Industry.
- 4. The Effectiveness of the FCC in Coping With Its Increased Workload.
- 5. The Necessity for Formulating and Implementing a National Telecommunications Policy.
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  - 8. A Review of United States Telecommunications from the Standpoint of Monopoly.

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4.393 Executive management.

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  - 4.445 Man-hours required in the reorganization survey.
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    - 4.512 Greater delegation of authority to Staff.
    - 4.513 Reduction of Commissioners' detailed work load.
    - 4.514 Bring rules and regulations up to date and maintain their currentness.
    - 4.515 Impose small penalties for minor violations to reduce work load.
    - 4.516 Minimize, as far as practicable, legalistic approach to administration.
    - 4.517 Continue to review the Act from the point of view of simplifying administration.
    - 4.518 Consider the merits of including a general manager on the Commission with a view to relieving the Commissioners of administrative problems.
  - 4.52 Personnel.
    - 4.521 Improve calibre of executive and administrative talent.
    - 4.522 Establish training program for Staff.
    - 4.523 Keep key members of Staff informed of technological progress of the communications arts and sciences.

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- 4.524 Endeavor to transfer personnel to positions best suited to their ability.
- 4.525 Balance number of top ratings in relation to size of Staff.
- 4.526 Possibility of obtaining hiring and firing authority.
- 4.53 Budgetary.
  - 4.531 Necessity for convincing presentation of budgetary requirements.
- 4.54 Policy determinations.
  - 4.541 Emphasize service to the public (not regulation of the public).
  - 4.542 Necessity of keeping Staff and public advised concerning policy.
  - 4.543 Necessity for determining overriding policy at Commission level.
- 4.55 Organization of FCC.
  - 4.551 Panelization of Commissioners by basic fields of activity.
  - 4.552 Functionalize Staff completely.
  - 4.553 Extreme desirability of maintaining professional balance in the appointment of Commissioners (lawyers, engineers, business men, public affairs men, economists, and communicators).
- 4.6 Conclusions.

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- 5. THE NECESSITY FOR FORMULATING AND ILPLEMENTING A NATIONAL TELECOLDUNI-CATIONS POLICY.
  - 5.1 Introduction.

5.11 A definition of policy.

Policy is an expression of a course of conduct, specifically a line of governing action with respect to some specific issue.

A well-rounded policy should be declaratory, informative, objective, developmental, coordinative, and continuing; it should implement and preserve the national ideals in a desirable course of action.

Note: A "position" is not to be confused with a policy in this paper, as a "position" is considered to be a stand determined by policy.

- 5.12 The purpose of national telecommunications policy:

  The purpose of national telecommunications policy is
  to guide the Nation in the best possible development and
  application of telecommunications.
- 5.2 Past Performance of the U.S. in the Formulation and Implementation of National Communications Policy.
  - 5.21 During the growth of telecommunications over the years, the United States, in its increasing need for the rapid exchange of ideas, has evolved a number of positions and in some cases policies, which have served to some extent as guide posts for the regulation of telecommunications nationally and internationally.

These policies and positions for the most part exist only in the minds of those who use them, or are embraced with the necessarily broad language of international communications treaties, or are in some regulatory outlines of particular agencies, etc.

So far as is known, these "guide posts" have never been set forth in any one document, properly evaluated, translated in terms of the national interest, and made available for the guidance and coordination of the telecommunications interests of the United States. - 2 -

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5.22 Paraphrases of certain policies and positions.

### 5.221 General Telecommunications.

- 5.2211 That, it shall be the aim and goal of the United States to adequately provide for the rapid unrestricted exchange of international and national telecommunications, consistent with national security.

  (Ref: Atlantic City Convention, Art. 28 and 33.)
- 5.2212 That, it shall be the constant aim of the United States to strive for world leadership in the advancement technically, scientifically, procedurely, and operationally of the telecommunications art, with the limitations imposed by economic practicability.

  (Ref: Accepted practice.)
- 5.2213 That, the United States does foster and encourage the participation of private United States communications enterprises in the work preparatory to and of telecommunication conferences which involve the interests of the United States.

  (Ref: Annex 4, General Regulations, Atlantic City, Chapter 2.)
- 5.2214 That, in time of war, national emergency, or limited national emergency, as proclaimed by the President, the U. S. Government shall have available to it the total telecommunication resources of the United States, with due regard to the extent of the war or emergency and the continuing operation of services considered to be essential or desirable to the welfare of the United States during such a time.

  (Ref: E. O. #8546, DCB.)
- 5.2215 That, the United States should be appropriately represented at any telecommunications conference when such a conference is considered to be related, directly or indirectly, to the national interest.

  (Ref: Accepted practice.)
- 5.2216 That, the United States continually strive to make available, as far as possible, to all the people of the United States, for the purpose of National Defense, stimulating Interstate and

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Foreign Commerce, and for the purpose of promoting safety of life and property, a rapid, efficient, nation-wide and world-wide wire and radio communication service with adequate facilities at reasonable charge.

(Ref: Sec. 1, Communications Act of 1934.)

## 5.222 Radio Communications.

- 5.221 That the United States considers that the basic guide to follow in the normal assignment of radio frequencies for transmission purposes is the avoidance of harmful interference.

  (Ref: Atlantic City Convention, Art. 3 and 44.)
- 5.2222 That the United States considers that, in the normal peace-time assignment of radio frequencies, the highest priority of assignment is as follows in the order named:
  - (1) Frequencies used predominantly, primarily, and directly to safeguard the national security, which means that such frequencies carry intelligence of the highest order which is vital to the safety of the nation.
  - (2) Frequencies used primarily, predominantly, and directly to safeguard life and property in conditions of distress.
  - (3) Frequencies used in services where no other adequate means of rapid communication exists and where such communication is considered to be necessary or desirable in the national security or interest.
  - (4) Frequencies used for all other purposes, the assignment of which must necessarily be judged upon the nerits of individual need. (Ref: Accepted practice.)
- 5.223 That the United States considers, in the peacetime assignment of radio frequencies for communications purposes, that such frequencies should
  not normally be assigned when other forms of
  communication, notably wire communication, will
  suffice.
  (Ref: IRAC policy.)

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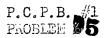
- 5.224 To make the most efficient and orderly use of the radio spectrum in the national interest Administration of the radio spectrum must be predicated on consideration of all available data, including justification, international regulations, national laws, established government policies, national interest, availability of other possible communication facilities, and technical aspects.

  (Ref: IRAC report to Sadowski, page 4. Library Ref. CA 28.)
- 5.225 To the end that there be most efficient utilization of the radio spectrum, acceptance of a radio frequency assignment imposes definite obligations on the assignee with respect both as to equipment and to use. Some of these are specified in treaties and laws. Among the important obligations are:
  - (a) To use the best and most selective radio apparatus the state of the art and service operating requirements permit;
  - (b) To use frequencies economically by avoiding unnecessary emissions and conducting operations on a minimum number of frequencies;
  - (c) To share frequencies between agencies as a recognized and necessary expedient for the fullest utilization of the radio spectrum. (Ref: IRAC report to Sadowski, page 4, Library Ref. CA 28.)
- 5.2226 That the United States insists, as a basic policy, upon the planned use of the radio spectrum.

  (Ref: Instructions to Chairman, U.S. Delegation to the High Frequency Broadcasting Conference, Mexico City, 1948, TCC Document #405, Annex 2. Library Ref. C59.)
- 5.2227 That the United States recognizes the necessity for both simultaneous and non-simultaneous sharing of frequencies on both a national and an international basis.

  (Ref. TCC Document 243, page 2. Library Ref. C41.)

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### 5.223 Cable Communications.

5.2231 That the United States festers and pronotes research and development in both cable and radio communication. The use of improvements such as submarine repeaters and multi-channel operation shall, wherever possible, be encouraged. (Ref: Bermuda Agreement, TD Serial #558, Final Acts, page 10, Library Ref. C90.)

### 5.224 Wire Communications.

5.2241 That the United States considers the wire communication networks in the centimental United States and its possessions to be vitally necessary to the national security and interest, both from a standpoint of rapid internal communication and the expeditious exchange of international communication, and that as such, these wire communication networks should be based upon the soundest structure possible and should reflect the most efficient and modern operation that sound economics will permit.

(Ref: Accepted practice.)

#### 5.225 Broadcast Communications.

- 5.2251 That the United States is strongly opposed to the principle of priority categories of broad-casting service as a basis of frequency assignment. (Ref: TCC Doc. 405, Annex 2, Library Ref. C59.)
- 5.2252 In the interests of international understanding and the promotion of peace and harmony among the nations of the world, a high premium must be placed upon the high frequencies for international broadcasting.

  (Ref: TCC Doc. 405, Annex 2, Library Ref. C59.)

#### 5.226 Aeronautical Communications.

5.2261 That the United States subscribes to the view that no public correspondence shall be transmitted on aeronautical mobile frequencies.

(Ref: TPS Doc. Serial #569, page 17, Library Ref. C94.)

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### 5.227 Marine Communications.

5.2271 That the United States favors the establishment of a system of radio communication between aircraft and the Maritime Mobile Service, which enhances safety and provides a means for the handling of traffic with aircraft on a world-wide basis.

(Ref: TD Doc #16, Serial #341, page 83, para. D, Library Ref. C83.)

### 5.228 Anateur Communications.

5.2281 That the United States considers the Amateur Service to be vitally necessary to the national security and interest in providing a pool of self trained personnel in the techniques of telecommunications, inter-communication, skilled operators and radio frequencies which are of value in limited or national emergency.

(Ref: Accepted practice.)

### 5.229 Tolegraph Communications.

- 5.2291 That the United States subscribes to the standardization of the 5-unit code of International Telegraph Alphabet number two.

  (Ref: TPS Doc. #563, page 16, Library Ref. C92.)
- 5.2292 That the United States advocates the elimination of special rates for Government telegrams in the International Service.

  (Ref: TPS Doc. Serial #563, page 32, Library Ref. C92.)

### 5.229 Navigational Aids.

5.229 1 Aeronautical

## "UNITED STATES NATIONAL POLICY ON ELECTRONIC LONG-DISTANCE AIDS TO NAVIGATION

#### POLICY

"1. The policy of the United States in respect to electronic long-distance aids to navigation is as follows:

"a. The United States will support and promote a single system of electronic long-distance aids to navigation for United States and world-wide standardization.

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"b. At the present time the aids which the United States has adopted and now supports and promotes are Loran and high-power LF/MF Non-Directional Beacons in that order of preference.

- "(1)'Loran' is considered as one type of aid regardless of the frequency employed.
- "(2) Loran will be continued, improved, and expanded to provide needed coverage. The choice of a frequency for Loran installations in any particular area will be governed by the requirements to be met and the frequencies available in that area.
- "(3) Wherever it is technically, economically or operationally desirable, the United States supports LF/MF Non-Directional Beacons of sufficient power to meet requirements in a specific area.
- "(4) Recognizing the special recommendations set forth in Attachment A of the draft document, 'Annex 10 to the Convention of International Civil Aviation', during the interim period the continued use or extension of other systems will not be acceptable if such system or systems require airborne or shipborne equipment in excess of, or different from, that required for the use of Loran or LF/MF Non-Directional Beacons.
- "c. The United States will take the necessary steps to obtain and maintain at all times the qualitative and quantitative data by which the choice of electronic long distance aids to navigation can be determined and furthered internationally."

(Ref: TCC Doc. #557, Appendix A, Library Ref. RG15.)

5.229<sup>1</sup>2 Maritime

## "UNITED STATES POLICY FOR RADIO AND ELECTRONIC AIDS FOR LARINE MAVIGATION

"The national security, the nation's sea commerce, and the assurance of adequate safety of life and property at sea require an efficient, integrated, standardized system of radio and electronic aids for marine navigation.

"A multiplicity of new radio and electronic devices and systems possessing potential applicability for marine navigation have been developed during recent years, both at home and abroad. In fact, the devices and systems which have been developed and made potentially available as aids to navigation are so numerous that standardization is mandatory if the encouragement and development of United States sea commerce is to take place economically and realistically.

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"In consequence, it is vital to the national interest that the United States play a leading rele in the development, investigation, selection and standardization of a world-wide system for marine navigation. This rele should be played at the earliest practicable moment consistent with open-mindedness and sound technical judgment directed toward the attainment of optimum results, with due consideration for the cost to ship operators being kept as low as practicable.

"An open-minded attitude shall be maintained toward novel systems and devices which eventually may develop to be superior to existing systems. This attitude, however, shall not be permitted to retard the adoption of a world system based on systems already proved and in wide use over a large part of the world's waterways.

"To simplify standardization, to effect the greatest economy in operation and to further the most economical use of the radio spectrum, the joint use of radio aids by both air and sea craft is hereby advocated where mutually advantageous.

"The policy contained herein is applicable for domestic guidance as well as for use as a basis for international discussions on standardization of devices, systems and performance.

"For the present and at least the immediate future the following devices and systems are advocated as being practicable.

#### "I. Navigation

"A. Anti-Collision.

The use of radar shall be encouraged in order to enhance safe and economical operation primarily to reduce the risk of collision.

"B. Position Fixing.

1. Distances over fifty miles.

(Aid to ocean navigation requiring accuracy of 1% and allowing 15 minutes to obtain position fix.)

- (a) Loran This system shall be continued, improved and expanded.
- (b) Shipboard MF/DF with radio beacons (useful up to 200 miles). This system shall be continued, improved and expanded.

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"2. Distances between 50 and 3 miles.

(Aid to approaching land, coastal navigation and port approach requiring one-half mile to 200 yards accuracy and allowing 5 minutes to one-half minute respectively to obtain position fix.)

- (a) Shipboard MF/DF with radiobeacons. This system shall be continued, improved and expanded.
- (b) Shipboard radars. Their use shall be encouraged and the devices shall be improved.
- (c) Radar aids, both active and passive. They are necessary for the special marking of navigational aids, dangers and shore features, to facilitate identification by radar. Their further development for purposes of operational evaluation should be continued.
- "3. Distances less than 3 miles.
  - (Aid to harbor entrance requiring 50 yards accuracy and instantaneous position and track fixing.)
  - (a) Shipboard radars (high resolution). Their use should be encouraged and the devices shall be improved.
  - (b) Radar aids, both active and passive. They are necessary for the special marking of navigational aids, dangers and shore features, to facilitate identification by radar. Their further development for purposes of operational evaluation should be continued.
  - (c) Shipboard MF/DF with radiobeacons. This system shall be continued, improved and expanded.

### "II. Harbor Control and Harbor Communication.

A. Harbor Control Radar.

This service shall be provided as required.

B. Harbor Control Communications.

WHF Radiotelephone channels for harbor control purposes shall be provided. The channels and modulation should be standardized internationally.

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### #III. Frequencies.

"The United States shall advocate the international standardization of frequency allocations for use or operational evaluation with respect to the above devices and systems.

"It is believed that the frequency allocations recommended to the Department of State by the Interdepartmental Radio Advisory Committee and the Federal Communications Commission will meet the operational and technical requirements of the radio navigational devices and systems herein designated. These are as follows:

n A.	Shipboard Radar:		3000	to	3246	Mc
•			5460	to	5650	Мс
			9320	to	9500	Mc
" B.	Radar Beacons:	•	3256	Mcs	<u>+</u> 10	) Mc
			5450	Mcs	<u> i</u> 10	) Mc
			9310	Mcs	<u> </u>	Mc
ηC.	Loran:		1800	to	2000	kc
"D.	LF/MF Radiobeacons		280	to	320	kc
"E.	Harbor Control Communi- cations in the Band:	•	152	to	162	Mc."

(Rof: IMRAN Doc. 5, Library Rof. C98.)

## 5.3 Some Additional Telecommunications Problems Which Require National Policy.

- 5.31 Necessity of agreed technical standards for national application by the various services using radio frequencies.
- 5.32 Growing demand for radio frequencies and the need for a governing policy.
- 5.33 Necessity for policy to insure an adequate and sound domestic wire distribution service.
- 5.34 Necessity for policies designed to insure proper and adequate functioning of such regulatory or advisory bodies as FCC, TCC, and IRAC.

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- 5.35 Necessity for policies designed to serve the national interest and security from the standpoint of merging communication interests.
- 5.36 Necessity for policy to govern and decide the extent to which government should operate communication facilities under our system of free enterprise.
- 5.37 Necessity for policy to dictate the degree of monopoly in telecommunications which is considered to be in the best interest of the United States.
- 5.38 Necessity for a policy governing the transition and the extent of transition of communication facilities from a war footing to a peace footing.
- 5.39 Necessity for a policy to indicate the United States needs in the radio spectrum with relation to the rest of the world.
- 5.39 Nocessity for a policy governing the use of cables in relation to the use of radio.
- 5.39<sup>2</sup> Necessity for a basic policy which recognizes the need for and application of a Federal mechanism for the overall planning, coordination, promotion, control, regulation, and administration of all U.S. communication services.
- 5.393 Necessity for a policy governing the following services:
  - 5.3931 Tropical broadcasting.
  - 5.39<sup>3</sup>2 High frequency broadcasting.
  - 5.39<sup>3</sup>3 Telephone communication.
- 5.39<sup>4</sup> Necessity for a policy governing the allocation of frequency bands to formalized radio services.
- 5.39<sup>5</sup> Policy regarding amateurs.
- 5.39<sup>6</sup> Necessity for a policy which will clarify governmental and non-governmental use of the spectrum by the United States.
- 5.39<sup>7</sup> Necessity for a policy concerning coordination between the International Telecommunications Union, International Meteorological Organization, the propossed Inter-governmental Maritime Consultative Organization, and the International Civil Aviation Organization so far as telecommunications matters are concerned.

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- 5.4 References Through Which National Telecommunication Policy May Be Found.
  - 5.41 Review of United States Chairmen Reports on international telecommunications conferences.
  - 5.42 Review of instructions to delegations to and proposals for international conferences.
  - 5.43 Review of TCC decisions.
  - 5.44 Review of all bi-lateral and multilateral telecommunication conference agreements, treaties, and final acts.
  - 5.45 Other related documents, such as the Communications Act of 1934, The Radio Law, etc.
- 5.5 The Need For An Overall National Telecommunications Policy.
  - 5.51 The difficulty of reaching decisions and solving problems in the absence of a stated policy.
  - 5.52 The difficulty of determining delegation positions at international conferences because of the necessity of searching through past documentation of preceding committees or conferences.
  - 5.53 The desirability of having stated telecommunications policy available in one brochure for reference by all services.
- 5.6 Existing Mechanism for the Formulation and Implementation of National Communications Policy.
  - 5.61 Graphic representation of Constitution, President, Congress, Department of State, TCC, FCC, and any other related bodies which presently administer or implement telecommunications policy.
  - 5.62 Review of past formulation and implementation of policy by the present mechanism in order to determine whether it has been sufficiently effective.
  - 5.63 Comparative review of the effectiveness of other national mechanisms.

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- 5.7 The Necessity for an Overall Mechanism to Administer National Communications Policy.
  - 5.71 An estimate of the future need for overall administration of national communications policy based upon the growth of telecommunications, nationally and internationally.
  - 5.72 The undesirable existing situation which obtains with regard to policy in the telecommunications field.
- 5.8 Conclusions and Recommendations.
  - 5.81 Summarization of the problem and its relationship to the remainder of the items in this outline.
  - 5.82 Recommendations for new or revised policies, if any.
  - 5.83 Recommendations for new or revised mechanisms to implement or administer such policies.

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- 6.1511 Military
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6.217 All overseas facilities.

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6.222 Foreign policy;

6.223 Bargaining Power with relation to Foreign Administrations.

6.224 Health of the overseas communications services;

6.225 National economy;

6.2251 Effect on rates.

6.2252 Effect on frequency requirements.

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6.2254 Effect on overhead expenses.

6.2255 Universal standards of operation.

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6.311 Anti-trust laws.

6.312 Enabling legislation.

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6.313 Patent matters.

6.314 Contractual commitments.

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6.321 Valuation of plant.

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- 6.323 Writing-off or disposing of surplus or obsoloscent plant.
- 6.33 Labor relations.
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